

Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education Minutes

**FF Union Hall
748 Massachusetts Ave.
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204
September 27, 2004
10:00 am**

A. Board Meeting Called to order

B. Roll Call

- a. Introduction of guests

C. Minutes of July 19, 2004 Statistical Report July 2004

D. Variances, Hearings and Appeals

- a. **Ryan Allison, a member of Newport FD**, is requesting a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-19, Instructor I, based upon having a Lead Instructor Cert. from State of Illinois EMS.
- b. **Jack Michaels, a member of the Griffith VFD**, is requesting a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-15, Inspector I, based on 18 yrs. of experience in construction.
- c. **Jack Michaels, a member of the Griffith VFD** is requesting a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-9, Fire Officer II, 655 IAC 1-2.1-10, Fire Officer III, and 655 IAC 1-2.1-11, Fire Officer IV, based upon receiving a Bachelors of Science in Organization Mgt. degree from Calumet College of St. Joseph.
- d. **Craig Morris, a member of South Haven FD** is requesting a variance to 655 IAC 1-1-12(k)(14) test 20030328.
- e. **Brian Mosely, a member of South Haven FD** is requesting a variance to 655 IAC 1-1-12(k)(14).
- f. **Jeffrey Marsack, Hammond FD** requests variance 655 IAC 1-23-119, Instructor I, based on PI certification.

E. Report by Luther J. Taylor, Sr., Executive Director, SEMA/DFBS/PSTI

Not present

F. State Fire Marshal Report Ivan Nevil

Legislative meeting held recently, one of the topics was fireworks. Proposed legislation was that the fireworks be given to local jurisdiction for home rule, so they can decide if they want it or not. The home office is always tied up in litigation and is unable to

enforce anything for fireworks. The other issue was the Boards authority to require continued education. The NFPA 1006 standard. We attempted to contact the personnel in the Governor's office to see if we could get or create legislation to get that done for continuing education for those areas in special ops. They thought that what would be a better idea was that if they could create better legislation that would give the Board the authority to set the standards without having to go to legislation all the time. So if that is the route they are going to take, they will be giving the Board more authority to establish continuing education requirements on any subject matter that the Board now does for recertification, and also it may become that this won't have to go on until final law changes have been made.

On the interim study committee there was one issue that was to be brought up at that time. Senator Meeks had proposed this study committee to be minimum Firefighter training standards, unfortunately Senator Meeks was there for just a few minutes and addressed the body, and left, he had a prior appointment. I presented to the study committee the training certification on the way it has developed and evolved since 1976 when we first started, the processes that are in place and what's going on, since we were not sure and there was nobody there after Senator Meeks left, the study committee chair appointed Bill Ruple and Senator Meeks and Brad Gavin to work the issues out that they had and to bring them back to the study committee chair for further action. Several individuals were there that testified, Tom Hanify was there, Jim Harper was there, Tom Miller was there.

Tom Loraine announced that the task force was not informed about the change of the meeting until the morning of the meeting.

G. Public Safety Training Institute Report Ivan Nevil

Lot of going on. Jim and Randy teaching. Changed testing office with the conference room. Hired a new receptionist in the office.

H. Administrative Proceedings

Nothing to report at this time.

I. Old Business

A break was called for at this time.

Meeting called back to order.

a. Rules - Ivan Nevil

The new rules went into effect 8-22-2004. The rules are now done and complete. The old rules are in place.

b. NIMS - Maynard Masters

Program has been completed, and the test bank has been sent for. This program has been sent to the NFIC for approval. We have not heard anything yet. It is scheduled to be taught at the Circle City School. Does not have to be completed until 2005. Once

everything is in place and the bank is in the LXR, he would ask that the certification program become retroactive.

Was told that they could apply for a variance.

A public hearing will be scheduled based on the date it is published in the register.

c. **Task Force** - Tom Loraine

Proposed mandatory standards for Firefighters, next hearing is Oct 13, in Indianapolis, at Senator Meeks office. Topics the need for ongoing skills testing. Addition of annual skills testing with Firefighters throughout the state, basically certified at the local level and signed off by the local Fire Chief. One issue that was discussed was the cost of this training.

d. **IFSAC**- scheduled visit

J. **New Business**

a. **Rules** - Ivan Nevil

a. **Eddie King**, Vincennes Twp. FD would like required age to adjust to 15-18 due to Cadet Programs.

K. **Adjournment**